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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PARM, UNGA
SUBJECT: ARMS CONTROL: MILITARY EXPENDITURE LIMITATION
AND REPORTING (MEL/R) ITEM AT 33RD UNGA

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1. PURSUANT TO REFTEL INSTRUCTION, MISOFF ON SEPT.
6 RAISED WITH SWEDISH DELOFF BERG (WHO HAD JUST RETURNED
FROM CONSULTATIONS IN STOCKHOLM) POSSIBILITY OF
SWEDEN TAKING LEAD IN SEEKING A GA RESOLUTION THAT
WOULD INVITE VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION BY UN MEMBERS OF
MILITARY EXPENDITURE DATA AT SAME TIME AS SWEDEN, US,
AND OTHERS SUPPORTING CONCEPT WOULD CONTINUE EFFORTS
TO GET GA MANDATE FOR A BROADLY BASED PILOT TEST OF
THE DATA FORMAT DEVELOPED EARLIER BY EXPERTS.

2. BERG SAID HE HAD NOT DISCUSSED MATTER IN STOCKHOLM
CONSULTATIONS AND WOULD REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ON THIS
US IDEA. AS INITIAL REACTION, HE THOUGHT RESOLUTION
WOULD BE DIFFICULT FOR NON-ALIGNED AND EASTERN EUROPEANS
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TO OPPOSE IF IT MERELY REFERRED TO VOLUNTARY SUBMISSION
TO UNSYG OF DATA ALREADY LARGELY IF NOT COMPLETELY
IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN. UNSYG COULD THEN PROCEED TO
PUBLISH IT IN DISARMAMENT YEARBOOK, AS SUGGESTED REFTEL,
BUT BERG THOUGHT SENSITIVITIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE OPPOSED
MEL/R PROPOSALS THROUGHOUT WOULD BE AROUSED IF THERE
WERE SPECIFIC REFERENCE IN DRAFT RES TO SUCH PUBLICATION.

3. WE WILL SEEK REACTIONS OF OTHER SYMPATHETIC DELS
HERE, IN PARTICULAR WESTERN ALLIES, AND BROADEN OUR
EFFORTS AS OPPORTUNITIES ARISE. HOWEVER, WE DOUBT
THAT WE CAN EXPECT AUTHORITATIVE VIEWS IN MOST CASES
(E.G. MEXICO WHERE ANY DEFINITIVE VIEWS
MUST COME FROM GARCIA ROBLES) UNTIL REPRESENTATIVES
FROM CAPITALS BEGIN TO ARRIVE FOR GA COMMITTEE 1 WORKING
SESSIONS. UNTIL THAT TIME, BELIEVE DEPT SHOULD CONSIDER
TESTING THE WATER IN SELECTED CAPITALS PER PARA 3 OF
REFTEL. YOUNG

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